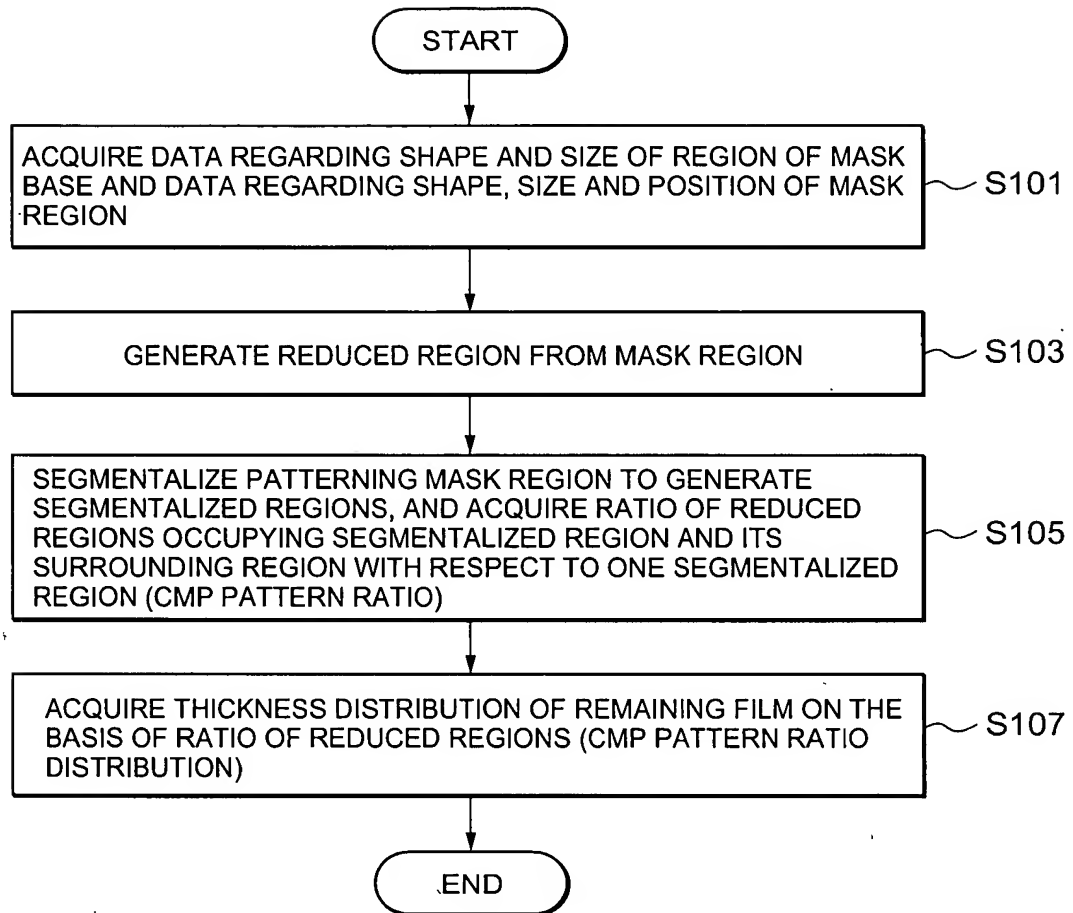


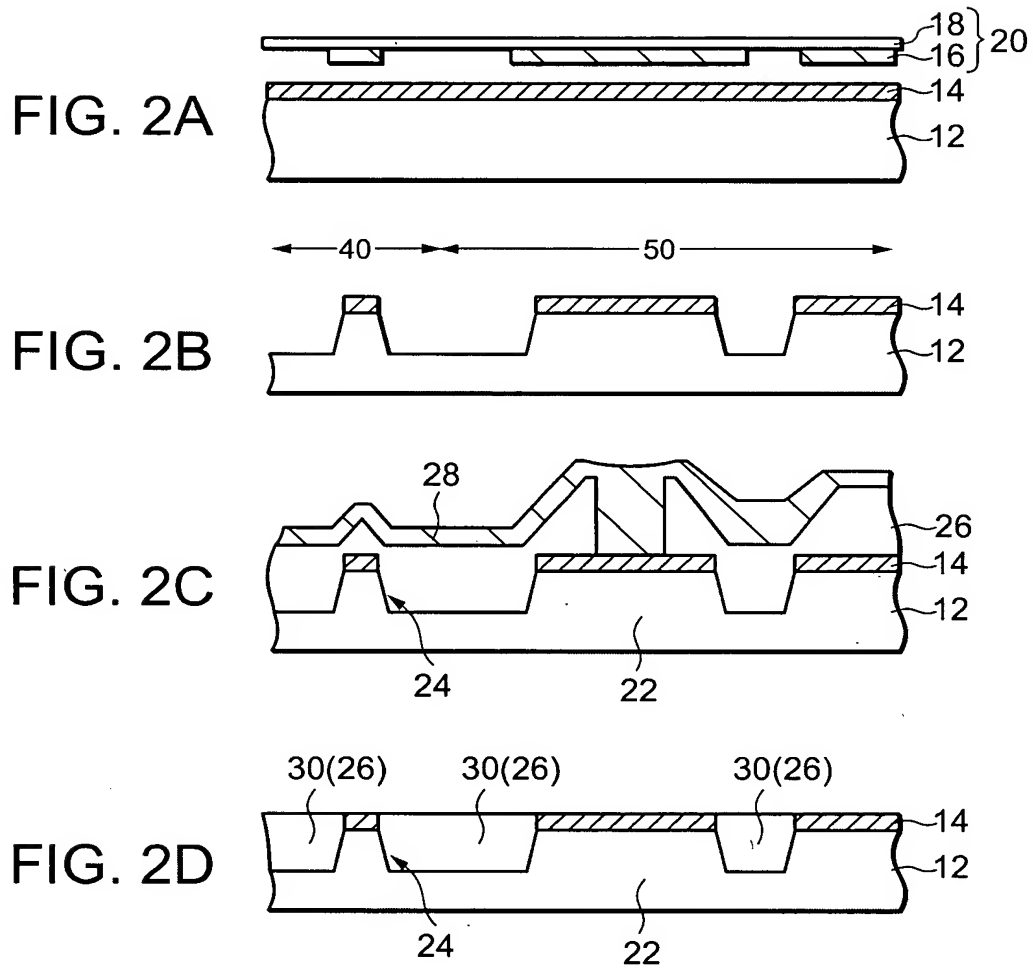
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FIG. 1



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REMAINING FILM THICKNESS

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FIG. 3



DIAGRAM ILLUSTRATING FIRST METHOD FOR  
ESTIMATING REMAINING FILM THICKNESS

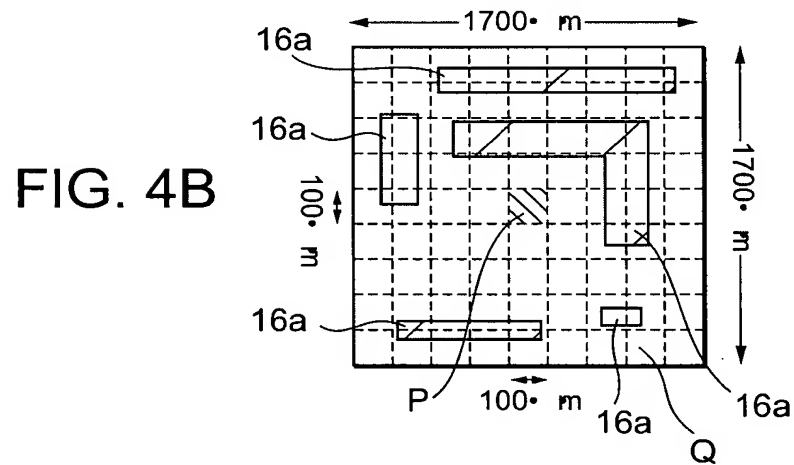
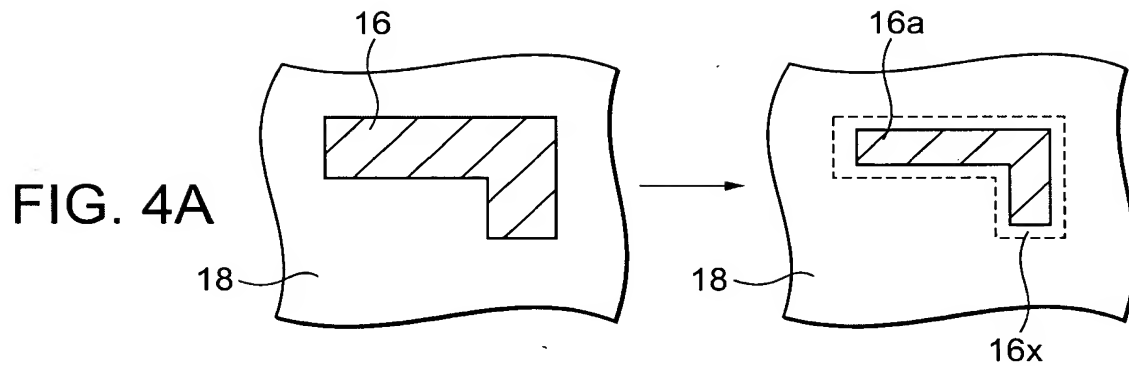
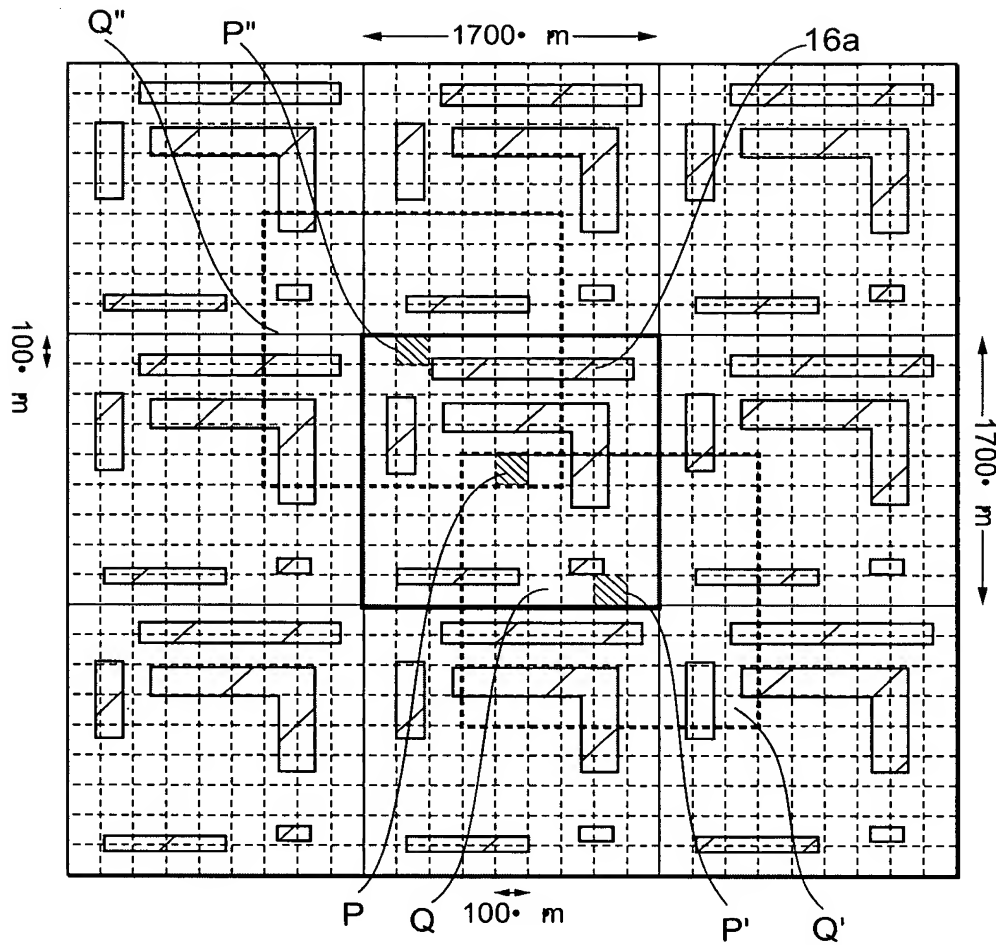


DIAGRAM ILLUSTRATING FIRST METHOD FOR  
ESTIMATING REMAINING FILM THICKNESS

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FIG. 5

DIAGRAM ILLUSTRATING FIRST METHOD FOR  
ESTIMATING REMAINING FILM THICKNESS

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FIG. 6

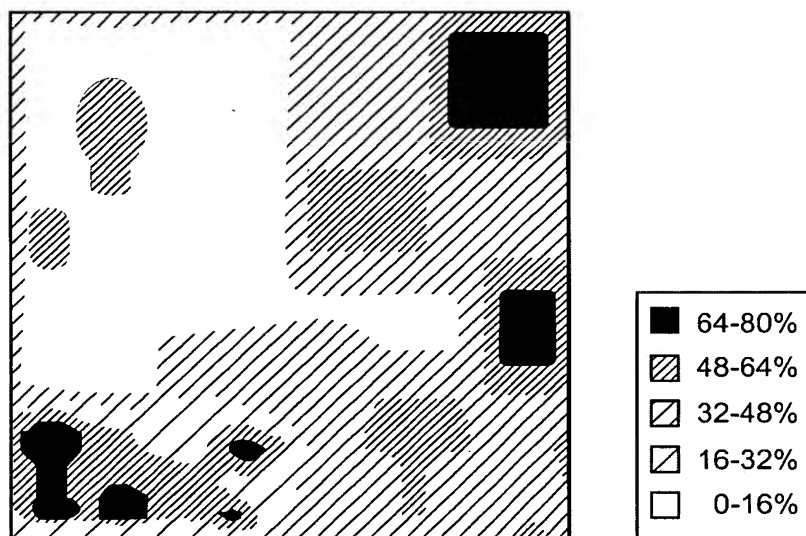
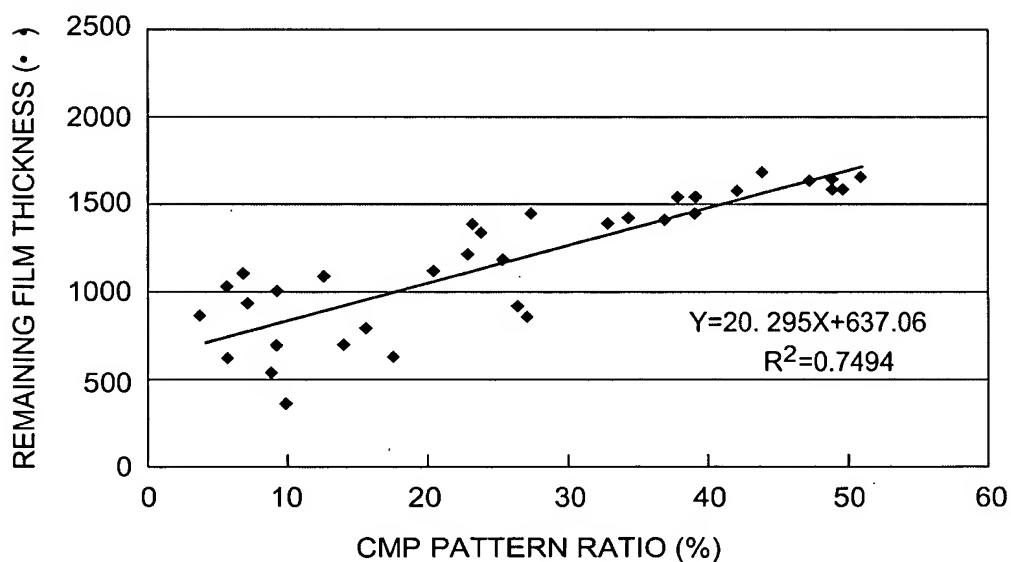


ILLUSTRATION OF FIRST METHOD FOR ESTIMATING REMAINING FILM THICKNESS (CMP PATTERN RATIO DISTRIBUTION)

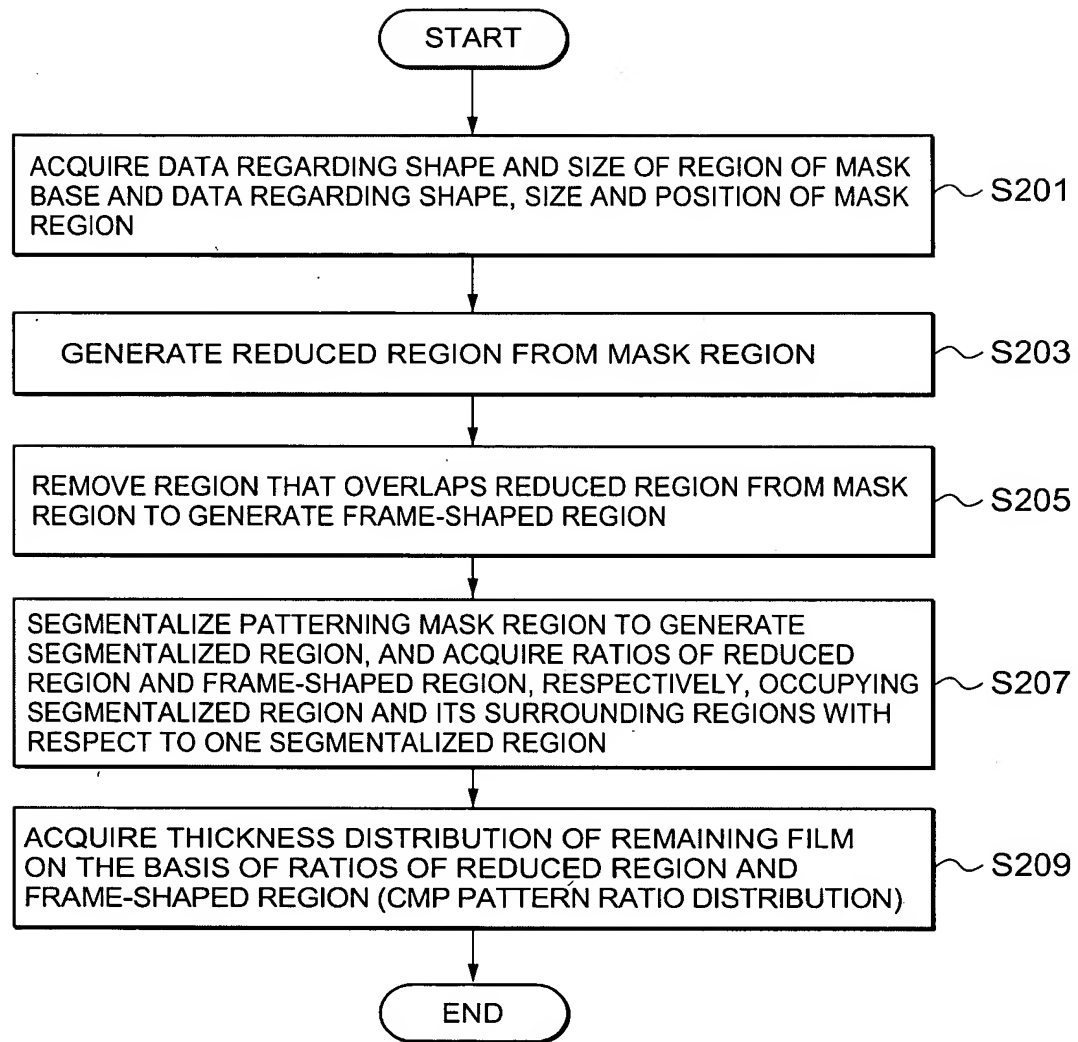
FIG. 7



EVALUATION OF VALIDITY OF FIRST METHOD FOR ESTIMATING REMAINING FILM THICKNESS

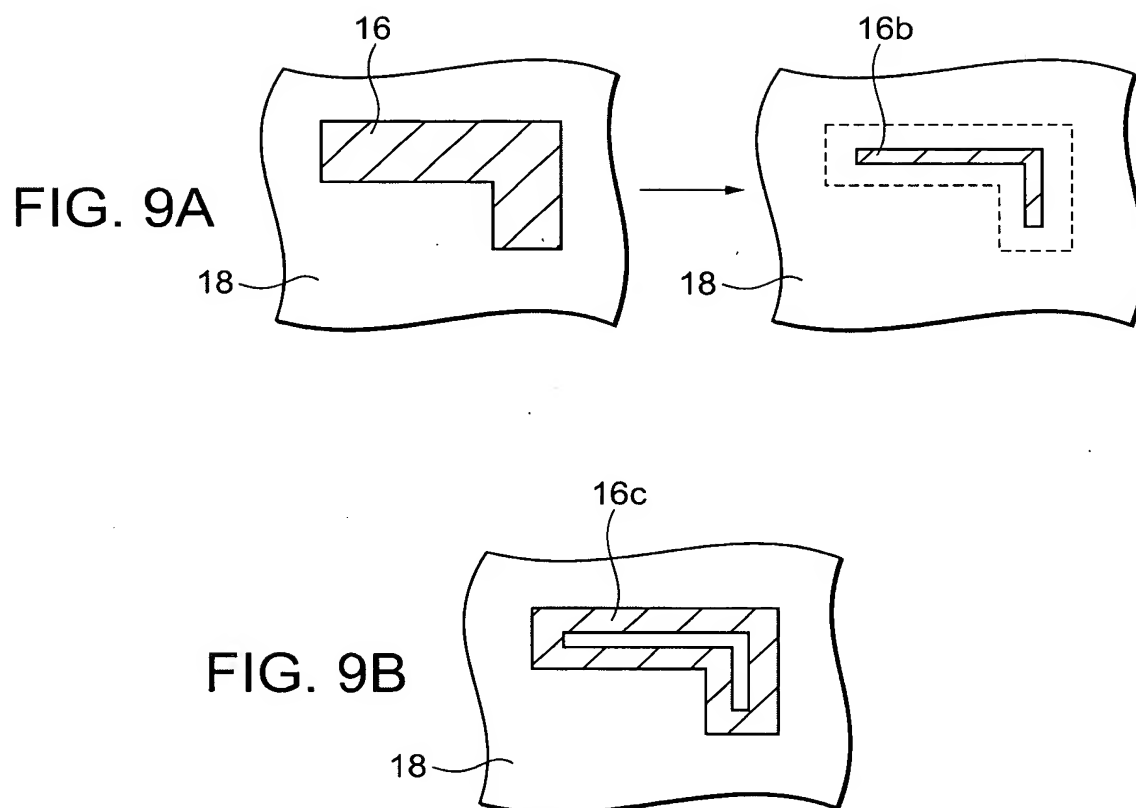
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FIG. 8



FLOWCHART ILLUSTRATING SECOND METHOD FOR ESTIMATING  
REMAINING FILM THICKNESS

FIG. 9



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ESTIMATING REMAINING FILM THICKNESS

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FIG. 10A

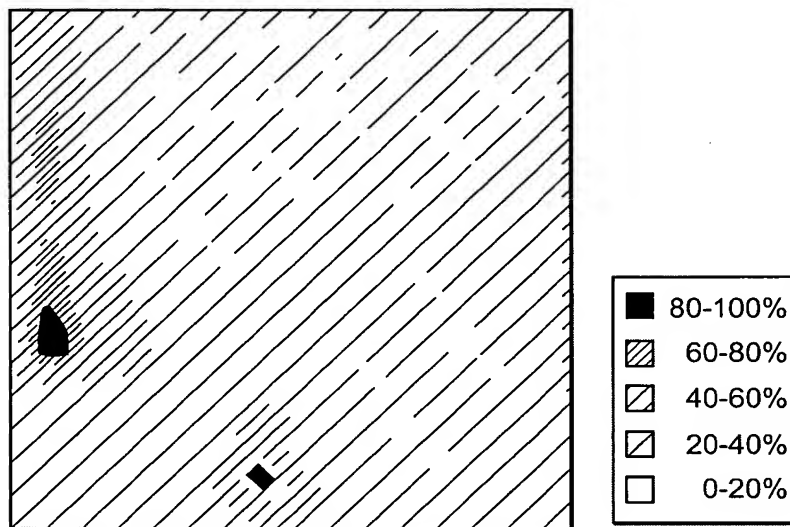
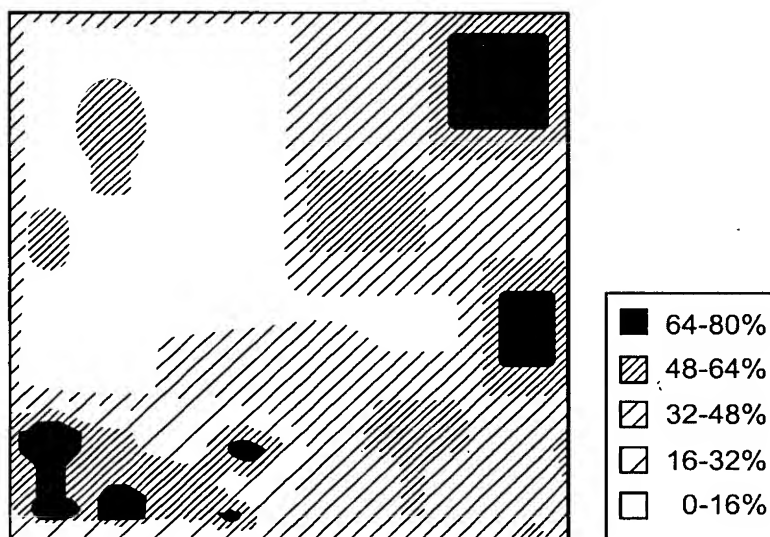


FIG. 10B



DIAGRAMS ILLUSTRATING SECOND METHOD FOR  
ESTIMATING REMAINING FILM THICKNESS

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FIG. 11

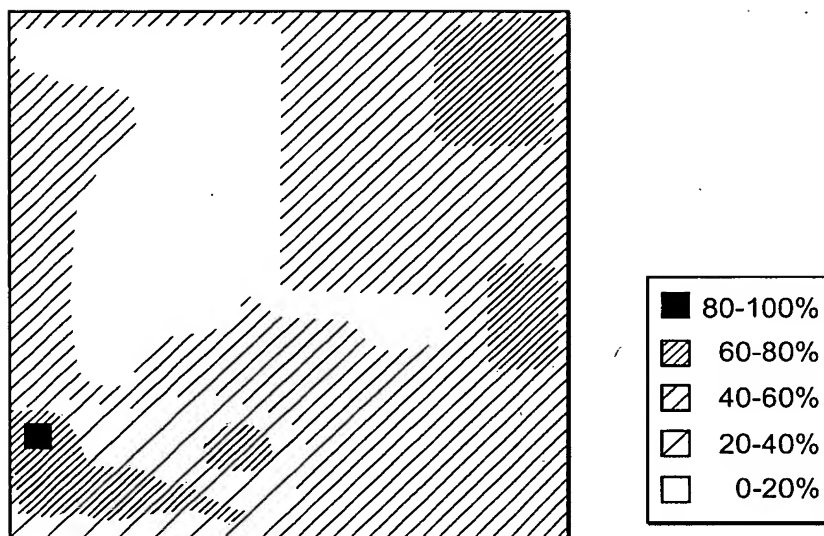
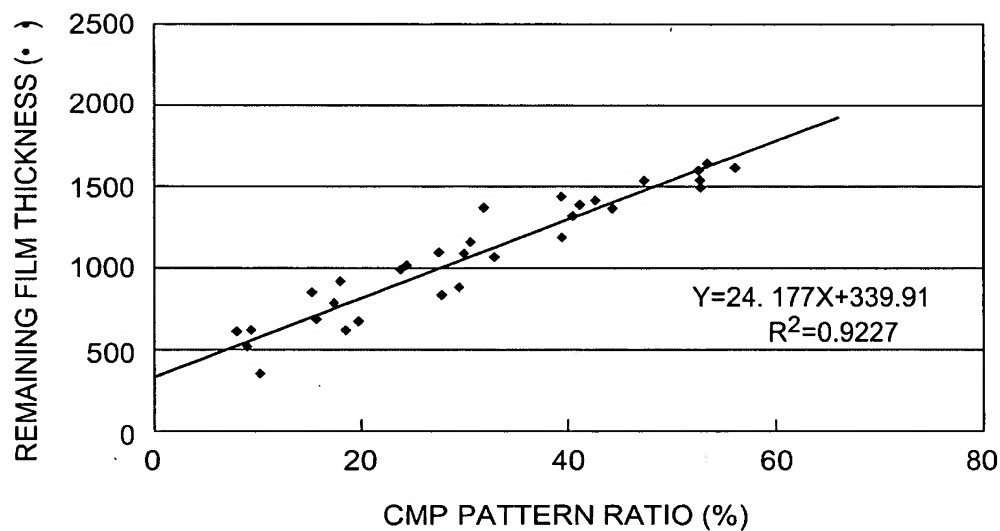


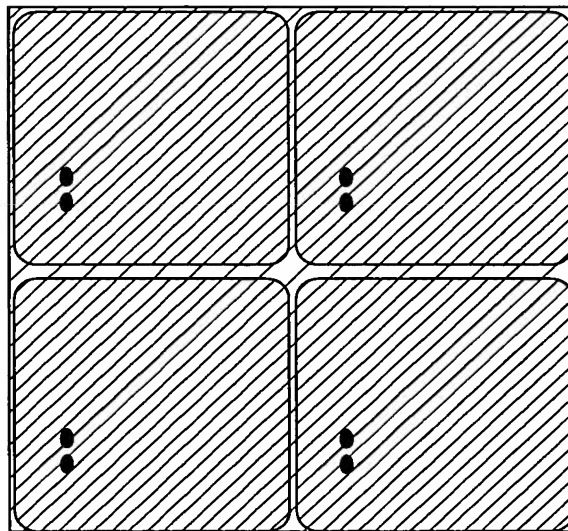
ILLUSTRATION OF SECOND METHOD FOR ESTIMATING  
REMAINING FILM THICKNESS (CMP PATTERN RATIO  
DISTRIBUTION)

FIG. 12



EVALUATION OF VALIDITY OF SECOND METHOD FOR  
ESTIMATING REMAINING FILM THICKNESS

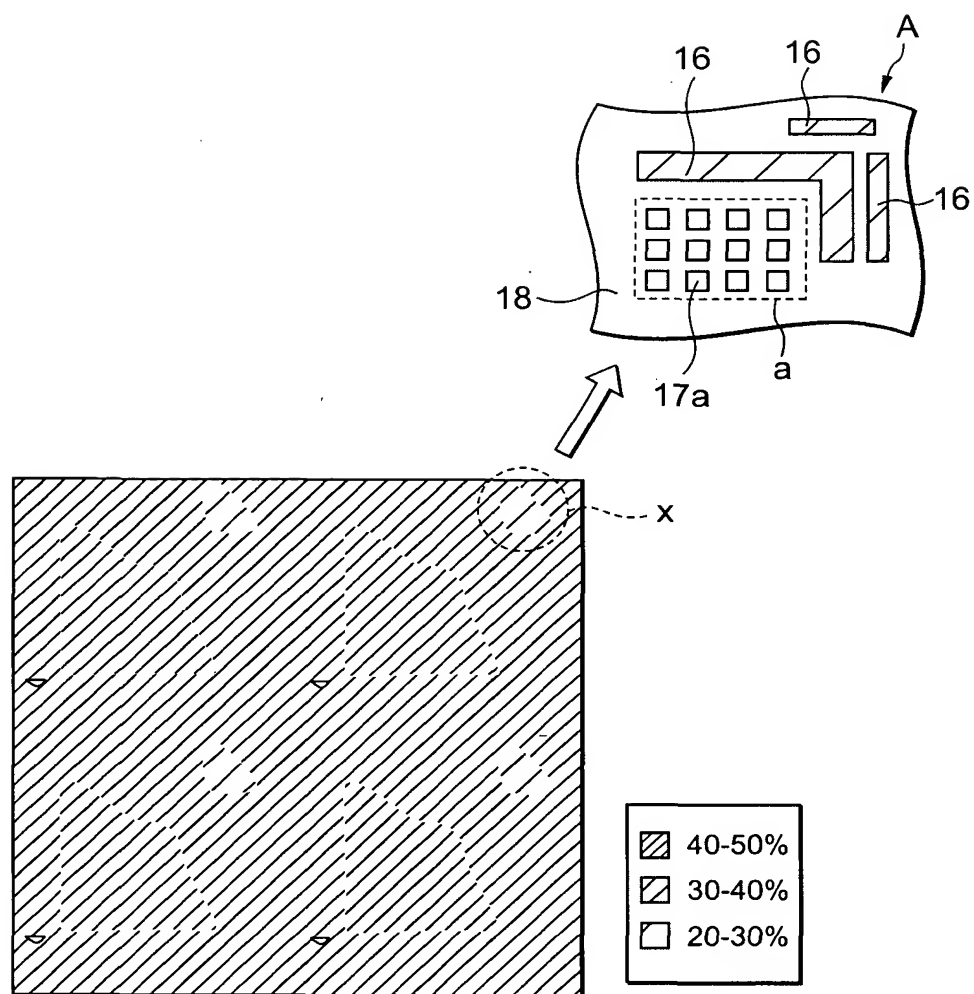
FIG. 13



FIRST PATTERNING MASK DESIGN METHOD

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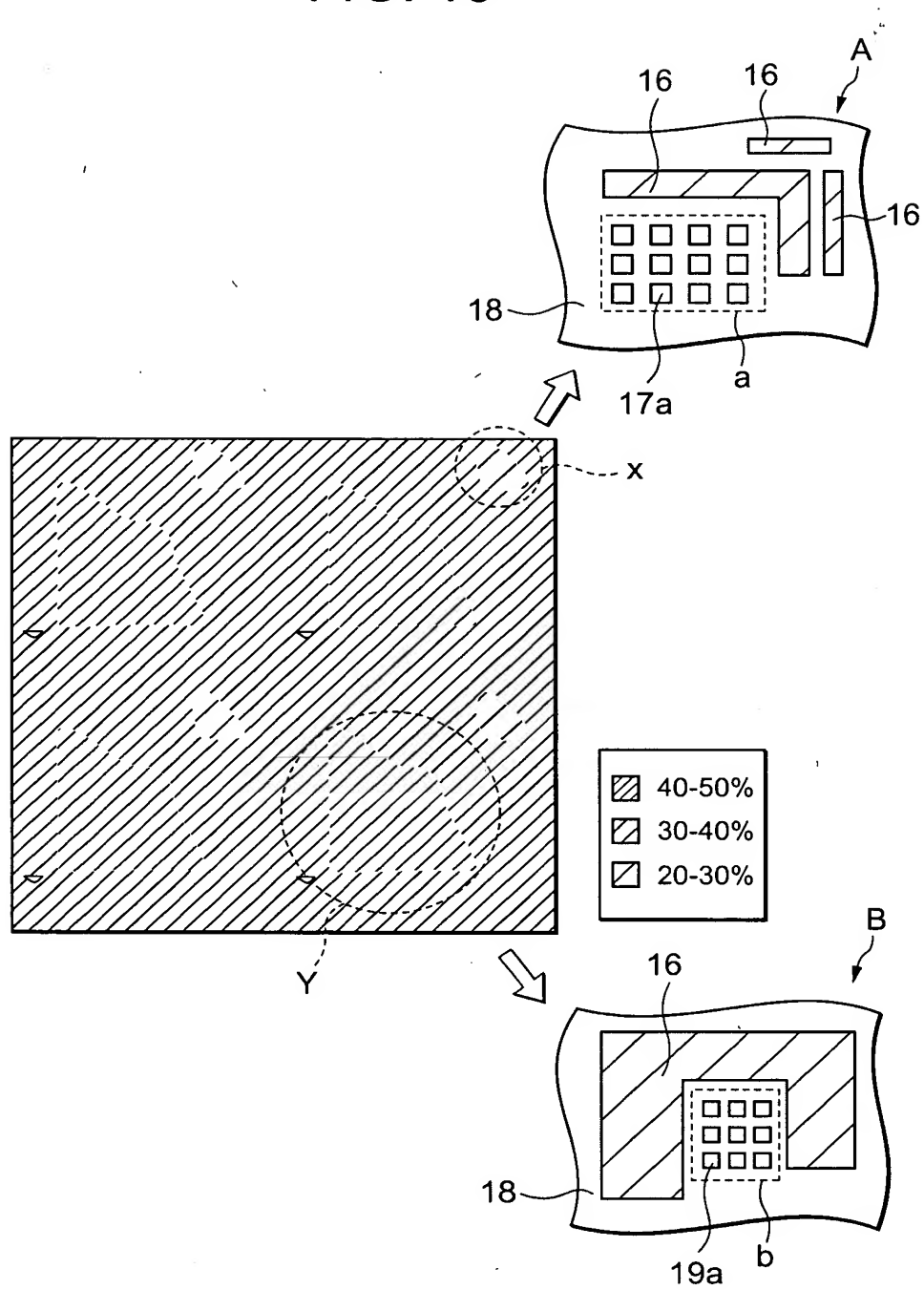
FIG. 14



FIRST PATTERNING MASK DESIGN METHOD

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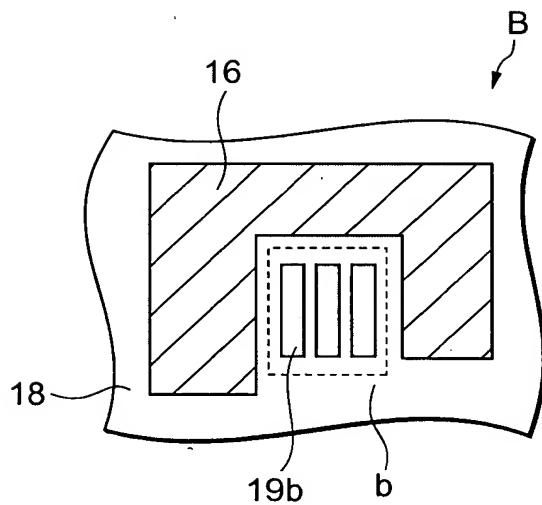
FIG. 15



SECOND PATTERNING MASK DESIGN METHOD

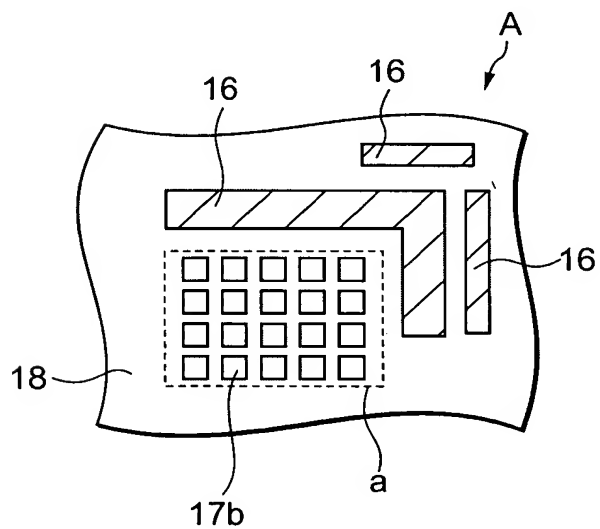
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FIG. 16



THIRD PATTERNING MASK DESIGN METHOD

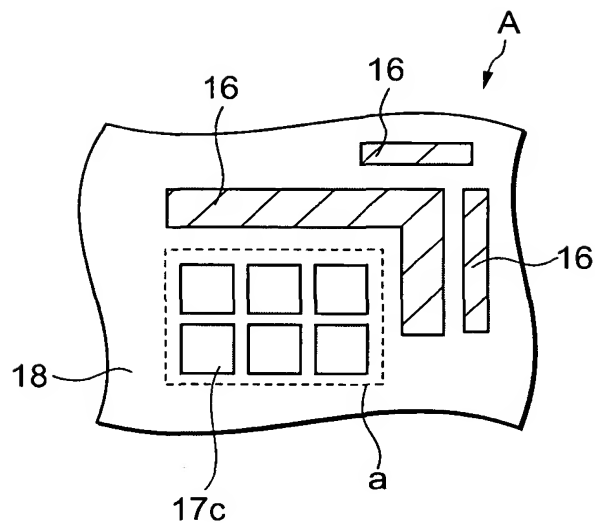
FIG. 17



FOURTH PATTERNING MASK DESIGN METHOD

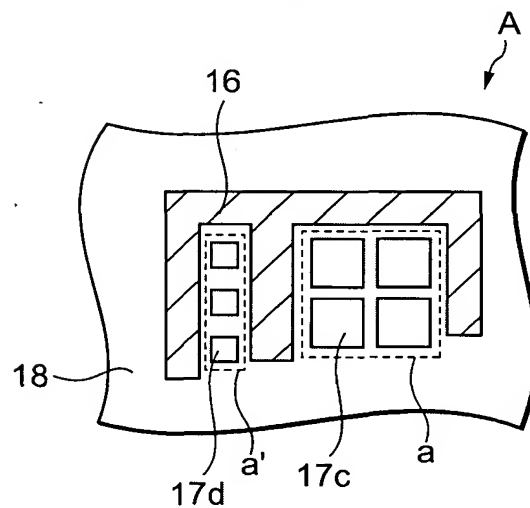
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FIG. 18



FIFTH PATTERNING MASK DESIGN METHOD

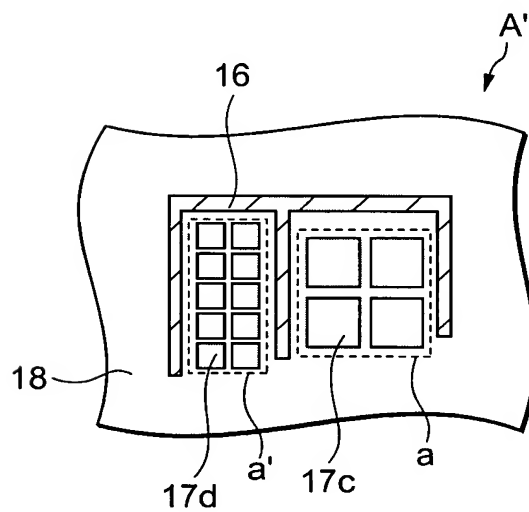
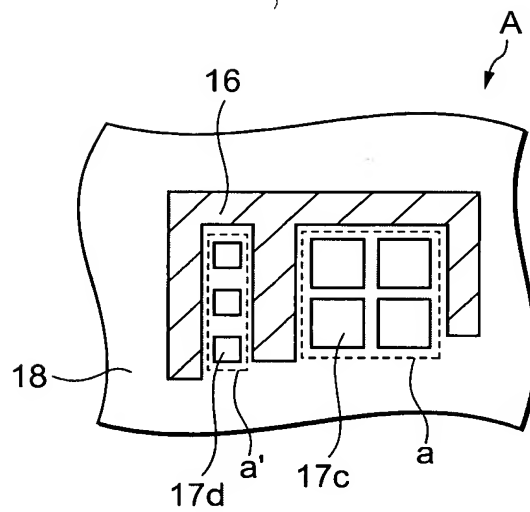
FIG. 19



SIXTH PATTERNING MASK DESIGN METHOD

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FIG. 20



SEVENTH PATTERNING MASK DESIGN METHOD